

1. Policy Documentation – This section contains an overview of the STIP development process, demonstrates compliance with Federal and State law, and illustrates the vital role of public outreach and participation.
2. Program Documentation – This section contains the [Fiscal Year 2007 – 2012 Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program](#), Maryland’s six-year capital program for transportation projects. The STIP references the CTP information from the years 2008-2012.
3. [Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Programs \(TIPs\)](#) - This section presents each of the six MPOs TIPs without change as required by SAFETEA-LU.

■ 2.0 Overview of Transportation Planning Agencies

Maryland offers its citizens a range of modal choices, with MDOT retaining responsibility for capital investments as well as operating and planning activities that reach across all modes of transportation. The Transportation Secretary’s Office (TSO) establishes transportation policy and oversees five Modal Administrations: the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA), the Maryland Port Administration (MPA), the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), and State Highway Administration (SHA). To ensure close coordination of State transportation policy, the Secretary of Transportation also serves as Chairman of the Maryland Transportation Authority, an independent State agency responsible for Maryland’s seven toll facilities and for financing new revenue producing projects.

Federal highway and transit statutes require, as a condition for spending Federal highway or transit funds in urbanized areas, the designation of MPOs. MPOs are responsible for planning, programming, and coordinating Federal highway and transit investments. The MPO decision-makers include local elected officials, state DOTs, and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)/Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Maryland’s metropolitan areas are divided into the following six MPOs, with some boundaries extending into neighboring states including Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, and West Virginia:

- [Baltimore Regional Transportation Board \(BRTB\)](#);
- [Cumberland MPO](#);
- [Hagerstown-Eastern Panhandle MPO \(HEPMPO\)](#);
- [National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board \(TPB\)](#);
- Salisbury/Wicomico Area MPO; and
- [Wilmington Metropolitan Planning and Coordinating Council \(WILMAPCO\)](#).

Figure 2.1 illustrates the jurisdictions of Maryland’s MPOs. BRTB is the only MPO with boundaries entirely within the State of Maryland.

Figure 2.1 Maryland's Metropolitan Boundaries

